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On Friday, May 15, 1998, Sergeants Anthony Ward and Henry Romero of the Internal Affairs Bureau responded to the city of Lynwood to investigate a non-hit officer involved shooting. I.A.B. Lieutenant Roberta Abner and Traffic Services Detail also responded.

The summary of this incident is based on the interviews of the deputies involved, witnesses, and reports contained in this officer involved shooting review package.

SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT

While patrolling the area deputies observed a vehicle driving a erratically, doing "donuts" in the middle of the street. As the vehicle drove past the radio car, the deputies made a U-turn and attempted to stop the vehicle. A short vehicle pursuit ensued and the deputies chased the vehicle into a dead and street. As the vehicle stopped at the end of the cul-de-sac, both deputies exited the radio car with their weapons drawn. The deputies ordered both suspects to raise their hands and exit the vehicle. The suspects ignored the orders of the deputies and began to turn their vehicle around. As they attempted to drive away, the suspects steered their vehicle toward the driver, Deputy Yocum as he stood adjacent to the door of his radio car. Fearing for his life Deputy Yocum fired his weapon at the suspect's vehicle. The suspects swerved their vehicle around Deputy Yocum and the radio car, and fled the area.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL

Deputy Michael Yocum, #[redacted], Century Station

WITNESS PERSONNEL

Deputy Robert Gillis, #[redacted], P. H. R. -- East (ride along)

CIVILIAN WITNESSES



[redacted], MH/[redacted]
[redacted], MH/[redacted]
[redacted], FH/[redacted]

BACKGROUND OF SUSPECTS

Suspect #1	Male Hispanic, 20 -- 25, N. F. D.
Suspect #2	Male Hispanic, 20 -- 25, N. F. D.

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

On Friday, May 15, 1998, Deputy Michael Yocum, driver, and Deputy Robert Gillis, bookman, observed a black vehicle occupied by two male Hispanics doing "donuts" in the middle of Santa Fe Avenue. Deputy Yocum said he saw the vehicle nearly strike other cars that were driving north and south on Santa Fe Avenue. Yocum said when the vehicle came out of the "donuts" it went eastbound on Carlin Avenue, passing his radio car. Yocum said he made a U-turn, activated his red light, and attempted to effect a traffic stop. He said the vehicle was driving a high rate of speech as it circled the block. As the vehicle drove southbound on Santa Fe Avenue, it did so in the northbound lanes nearly striking other vehicles. Yocum said he believed the driver was drunk and driving recklessly, and initiated a vehicle pursuit.

Yocum said his partner, Deputy Gillis, began broadcasting the vehicle pursuit as it moved through the nearby residential streets. Yocum said was able to identify the vehicle as a black BMW, and estimated the vehicle's speed at 50 -- 60 mph. Yocum said the pursuit ultimately turned eastbound on Banning Street and continued to the point where the street dead-ends behind an elementary school. As the vehicle neared the end of the cul-de-sac it turned to the right striking the south curb of Banning Street. Yocum said he stopped his radio car and both deputies exited standing in their respective door jams. With their weapons drawn both deputies began ordering the suspects to turn off the vehicle and put their hands up.

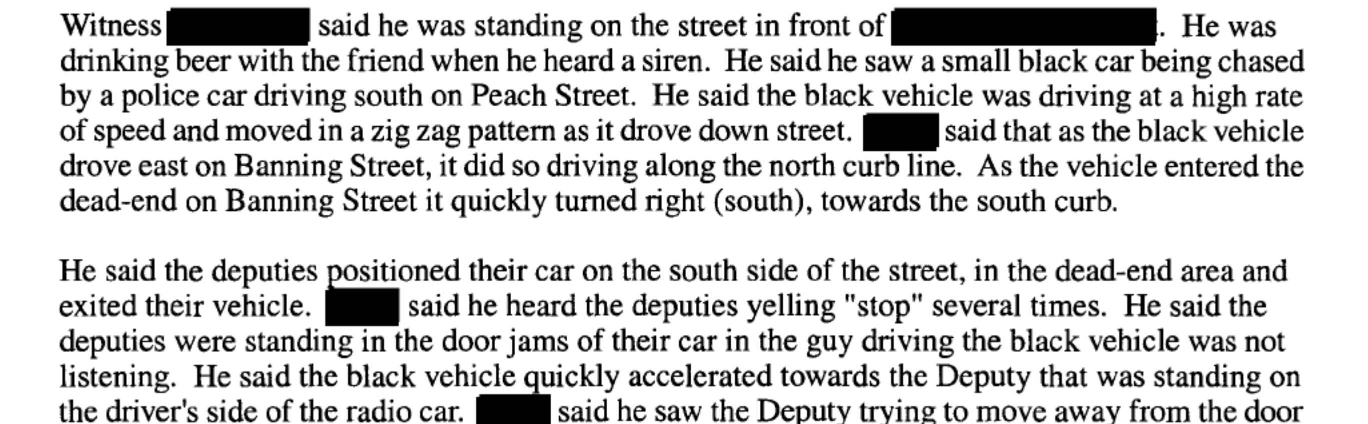
Yocum said both suspects looked in their direction as the driver continued revving the vehicle's engine, and grinding the gears. Yocum said he believed to suspect was attempting to put the vehicle in reverse. Yocum said when the suspect put the vehicle into gear, it accelerated quickly causing the tires to spin and lose traction. The front of the suspects vehicle was now facing west directly at Deputy Yocum. Yocum said both deputies continued yelling orders at the suspects as the vehicles engine continued revving and the gears continued grinding. At this point, Yocum said he believed he was in an unsafe position and that the suspects would hit him if he remained in that spot. Yocum saying he began to move back towards the rear of his car, as the suspect to got his car into gear an accelerated quickly, spinning his tires.

Yocum said that as he moved backwards his holster became hooked on the door frame, momentarily holding him there, then causing him to spin to his left. He said he could see that the driver was looking directly at him and steering the car at him. Yocum said that as the suspect's vehicle was coming directly at him, he feared for his life believing that he was going to be crushed in the door jam. Yocum said he fired his weapon at the suspects vehicle to stop the suspects, and to prevent from being hit by the car, and killed. He said he so both suspects duck down as the vehicle swerved to the right and drove around his patrol car. Yocum said the series of events immediately preceding the shooting occurred so quickly that it "scared the living hell out of me." Because the events happened so quickly he did not have enough time to move to a safer location. Yocum said the vehicle preceded southbound on Peach Street and out of view.

Deputy Yocum estimated that the suspects vehicle was 20 feet away from his vehicle prior to accelerating towards him. He said that there were no other vehicles parked along the curb and that the suspect's vehicle had plenty of room to pass his radio car without endangering him or his partner.

Deputy Gillis stated substantially the same story as Deputy Yocum. He added that based on his position and the position of the suspect's vehicle he did not fired his weapon. Although he felt that Deputy Yocum was in danger, he feared that shooting over his vehicle at the suspect's vehicle would endanger Deputy Yocum even more.

WITNESS STATEMENTS



Witness [redacted] said he was standing on the street in front of [redacted]. He was drinking beer with the friend when he heard a siren. He said he saw a small black car being chased by a police car driving south on Peach Street. He said the black vehicle was driving at a high rate of speed and moved in a zig zag pattern as it drove down street. [redacted] said that as the black vehicle drove east on Banning Street, it did so driving along the north curb line. As the vehicle entered the dead-end on Banning Street it quickly turned right (south), towards the south curb.

He said the deputies positioned their car on the south side of the street, in the dead-end area and exited their vehicle. [redacted] said he heard the deputies yelling "stop" several times. He said the deputies were standing in the door jams of their car in the guy driving the black vehicle was not listening. He said the black vehicle quickly accelerated towards the Deputy that was standing on the driver's side of the radio car. [redacted] said he saw the Deputy trying to move away from the door and then he heard five or more gunshots. [redacted] said he did not know who was shooting. He said the black car drove around the radio car had a high rate of speed and out of view.

Witness [redacted] was standing with [redacted] and related basically the same story. However, he added that he believed that the black vehicle mean a U-turn at the dead-end, turning to it´s left.

Witness [redacted], who was in her vehicle, said that she saw a small black car being chased by a police car at a high rate of speed as it drove south on Lindberg Avenue. She heard tires screeching followed by 4 to 5 gunshots. She did not witness the shooting because she was laying down in her vehicle. She had no other information to add.

IAB NOTE: The canvassing of the area for witnesses was conducted by Century patrol personnel. Additional people were contacted but they did not witness the shooting incident. Refer to supplemental reports for more information. All witnesses at left the area prior to the arrival of IAB investigators.

ROUNDS FIRED

Deputy Yocum fired four rounds from his Beretta 92F, which was loaded with a fifteen round magazine and one round in the chamber for a total of sixteen rounds. The rounds in his firearm are Departmental approved Winchester 9mm Luger Rangers currently issued by the Department. Station Detectives inspected his gun and found it loaded with eleven rounds in the magazine and one additional round in the chamber.

INVESTIGATOR´S OBSERVATIONS

The four expended casing from Deputy Yocum´s weapon were in the middle of Banning St, closer to the south curb line than the north curb line. There was broken glass and plastic car pieces near the south curb line where the deputies had indicated that the suspect´s car struck the curb. Additionally, there were circular tire skid marks on the street in the area where the black vehicle struck the south curb.

SHOOTING REPORT

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date: MAY 15, 1998	Bureau/Station/Facility: CENTURY STATION	Admin. Invest.? N Hit? N

Incident Information

URN: 098-09470-2116-057	Date: MAY 15, 1998	Time: 2304 HOURS

City or Station: LYNWOOD

Location: BANNING STREET & LINDBERGH AVENUE

Nature of Incident: DEPUTIES PURSUED A POSSIBLE DRUNK DRIVER INTO A DEAD-END STREET. THE SUSPECT TURNED HIS VEHICLE TOWARD THE DEPUTIES AND DROVE AT THE DRIVER DEPUTY, WHO WAS STANDING NEAR HIS DOOR. DEPUTY FIRED FOUR ROUNDS AT THE SUSPECT'S VEHICLE, CAUSING IT TO VEER AWAY FROM THE DEPUTY AND FLEE THE AREA.

Location Type (*circle one or more*): Backyard, Beach, Business, Freeway, Industrial, Park, Parking Lot, Residence, Rural, School, **Street**, Other: ______

Lighting (*circle only one*): **Darkness**, Daylight, Other, Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*): **Clear**, Cloudy, Fog, Rain

Distance:

Incident Type (*circle one or more*): Accidental, Armed Person, Fleeing Suspect, Foot Pursuit, Gun Take Away, **Moving Vehicle**, Sniper/Ambush, Startle, Struggle Involved, Traffic Stop, Unarmed Person, Unintentional, **Vehicle Pursuit**, Warrant Service, Other: ______

Initiated by (*circle only one*): Arrest Warrant, Call, **Observation**, One Person Unit, Other, Search Warrant, Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*circle only one*): Detective, Inmate Transport, Other, **Routine Patrol**

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy: 4

Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect: 0

Aero Unit? Y Canine Uint? N

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*circle only one*)	ShiftType (*circle only one*)
[redacted]	GILLIS	ROBERT		EM **PM** Day	**Regular** Overtime Off Duty
				EM PM Day	Regular Overtime Off Duty
				EM PM Day	Regular Overtime Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name		First Name		M.I.
[redacted]		[redacted]		[redacted]
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Work Ph**	**Home Ph**
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Last Name		**First Name**		**M.I.**
[redacted]		[redacted]		[redacted]
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Work Ph**	**Home Ph**
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
Last Name		**First Name**		**M.I.**
[redacted]		[redacted]		
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Work Ph**	**Home Ph**
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(*circle one or more*)
[redacted]	BRANNIGAN	STEVE		**On Duty**, Present during shooting, Witness to shooting, Involved in shooting
				On Duty, Present during shooting, Witness to shooting, Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	BEAMON	JAMES	

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	PLETT	NORINE	

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Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
MAY 16, 1998	0030 HOURS	AUGUST 7, 1998	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	WARD	ANTHONY	
[redacted]	ROMERO	HENRY	
[redacted]	ABNER	ROBERTA	

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW)	Arwen	(OV)	Other Weapon: Vehicle
(BC)	Baton:(Control)	(OB)	Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(BI)	Baton:(Impact)	(OO)	Other Weapon: Other
(BF)	Bodily Fluids	(PK)	Personal Weapon:Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(CN)	Canine	(PS)	Personal Weapon:Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(CR)	Carotid Restraint	(PH)	Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(CH)	Choke Hold	(PP)	Personal Weapon (Push)
(CT)	Control Holds:(Control Techniques)	(PO)	Personal Weapon (Other)
(TT)	Control Holds:(Team Takedown)	(RS)	Resistance
(TD)	Control Holds:(Takedown)	(CN)	Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(CE)	Chemical	(RH)	Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(OC)	Chemical Agents (OC Spray)	(HB)	Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TG)	Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)	(TP)	Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(EX)	Explosives	(RE)	Restraint Device:REACT Belt
(FH)	Firearm (Handgun)	(SP)	Sap
(FR)	Firearm (Rifle)	(SH)	Shield
(FS)	Firearm (Shotgun)	(SG)	37mm Stinger
(FO)	Firearm (Other)	(SB)	Sting Ball
(FB)	Flashbang	(ST)	Stun Bag
(FL)	Flashlight	(TR)	Taser
(OE)	Other Weapon: Edged	(UC)	Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB)	Abrasion
(BR)	Bruise
(BU)	Burn
(CP)	Complaint of Pain
(CO)	Concussion
(DH)	Death
(DI)	Dislocation
(DB)	Dog Bite
(FR)	Fractures
(GS)	Gunshot
(HB)	Human Bite
(LC)	Lacerations
(ND)	Nerve Damage
(OD)	Organ Damage
(PA)	Paralysis
(PW)	Puncture Wound
(SD)	Soft Tissue Damage
(ST)	Sprain/Twists
(UN)	Unconscious
(RM)	Refused Med Treatment
(NN)	NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD)	Abdomen
(AK)	Ankle
(AR)	Arm
(BK)	Back
(BT)	Buttocks
(CH)	Chest
(EL)	Elbow
(FA)	Face
(FE)	Feet
(FI)	Fingers
(GE)	Genitals
(GR)	Groin
(HD)	Hands
(HE)	Head
(HI)	Hip
(IN)	Internal
(KN)	Knees
(LE)	Leg
(NK)	Neck
(SH)	Shoulder
(WR)	Wrist

Brand

(AK)	AK-47	(IV)	Iver Johnson	(RI)	RGI
(BN)	Benelli	(JE)	Jennings	(RO)	Rossi
(BR)	Beretta	(LO)	Lorcin	(SW)	Smith & Wesson
(BW)	Browning	(LU)	Luger	(SR)	Sturm Ruger
(CH)	Charter Arms	(MA)	Marlin	(ST)	Sterling
(CO)	Colt	(MO)	Mossberg	(TA)	Taurus
(DA)	Davis Industires	(NC)	NCI aka SKS	(WE)	Weatherby
(GL)	Glock	(NA)	North American	(WN)	Winchester
(HA)	Harrington & Richardson	(NO)	Norinco	(US)	US Government
(HI)	Hi Standard	(RA)	Raven	(YY)	Handmade (Inmate)
(HK)	H & K	(RM)	Remington	(XX)	Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(IT)	Ithica	(RG)	RG	(ZZ)	Other Brand

Caliber

(9)	9 mm	(24)	.243 caliber	(41)	.410 gauge
(10)	10 mm	(25)	.25 caliber	(44)	.44 caliber
(12)	12 gauge	(30)	.308 caliber	(45)	.45 caliber
(20)	20 gauge	(35)	.357 caliber	(50)	50 mm
(21)	.22-250	(36)	30-06 caliber	(SL)	Slug
(22)	.22 caliber	(38)	.38 caliber	(WW)	Other caliber
(23)	.223 caliber	(40)	.40 caliber		

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S #1	E #1	OV					NN	
E #1	S #1	FH	BR	9M	Y	Y	NN	

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Involved Employee Information

URN: 098-09470-2116-057

Involved Employee

E #1

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	YOCUM	MICHAEL	

Sex:	Race:	Rank:	Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
M	W	DEPUTY SHERRIF	CENTURY STATION	212A, PMS

ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM **PM** Day
ShiftType (*circle only one*): **Regular** Overtime Off Duty
Intoxication/Drug Usage? N
SubstanceUsed: N/A

Hospital Admission? N
Hospital Name:
Coroner Case? ☐
Coroner Case #:
Interviewed? Y

Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 7 1/2
Duty Time (hrs): 8
Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest / Raid Jacket w/ Vest / Plain Clothes w/ Vest / Uniform no Vest / Raid Jacket no Vest / **Uniform w/ Vest**
Other Factors:

Age: 28
Height: 5'09"
Weight: 160

Range Qualification Date:
PPI Qualification Date:
Laser Training Date:

Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]
Patrol Certification? [redacted]
Certification Unit: [redacted]
Prior Shootings? [redacted]
Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted]

Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	

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Employee # | Last Name | First Name | M.I.

Sex: Race: | Rank: | Unit of Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM Day
ShiftType (*circle only one*): Regular Overtime Off Duty
Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐
SubstanceUsed:

Hospital Admission? ☐
Hospital Name:
Coroner Case? ☐
Coroner Case #:
Interviewed? ☐

Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:
Duty Time (hrs):
Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest / Raid Jacket w/ Vest / Plain Clothes w/ Vest / Uniform no Vest / Raid Jacket no Vest / Uniform w/ Vest
Other Factors:

Age: Height: Weight:

Range Qualification Date:
PPI Qualification Date:
Laser Training Date:

Certified with Weapon Used? ☐
Patrol Certification? ☐
Certification Unit:
Prior Shootings? ☐
Number of Prior Shootings:

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Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐
SubstanceUsed:

Hospital Admission? ☐
Hospital Name:
Coroner Case? ☐
Coroner Case #:
Interviewed? ☐

Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:
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Certified with Weapon Used? ☐
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Certification Unit:
Prior Shootings? ☐
Number of Prior Shootings:

Field Training Officer Emp # | Last Name | First Name | M.I.

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Officer Involved Shooting
Suspect Information

Suspect Information

S #1

Last Name UNKNOWN	First Name	M.I.	
AKA Last Name	First Name	M.I.	
Sex: M Race: H	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: 20-25 D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #: NONE	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	SubstanceUsed:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make: BLACK BMW		Model:	Year:

S #2

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	
AKA Last Name	First Name	M.I.	
Sex: M Race: H	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: 20-25 D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #: NONE	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	SubstanceUsed:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make:		Model:	Year:

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Last Name	First Name	M.I.	
AKA Last Name	First Name	M.I.	
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #:	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	SubstanceUsed:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make:		Model:	Year:

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Last Name	First Name	M.I.	
AKA Last Name	First Name	M.I.	
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
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Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make:		Model:	Year:

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